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SCHOOL REPORTS,

OF

TOWN OF SCARBORO.' FOR 1853-4.

TO THE TOWN OF SCARBORO.'

YOUR COMMITTEE on the Books and Accounts of the Selectmen for 1853-4—instructed to furnish the Town with a minute account of the expenditures named in our first published Report—respectfully submit the following; in which are included some bills for the year 1853, that had not been presented when our first Report was made.

RECEIPTS.

Taxes committed to G. W. Parker, for 1853, -	$5,207 53
Bank Tax for Schools, - - - -	134 80
Supplementary Tax, - - - - -	4 75
Cash rec'd of Town of York on act. of Sam'l Snow, (insane)	12 80
" " for sale of property of Joanna Gustin, -	16 50
	$5,376 38

EXPENDITURES.

State Tax for 1853, - - - - - -	776 52
County " " " - - - - -	490 75

TOWN'S POOR.

Paid Martha McLaughlin for board of James Osborne,	$65 00
" Henry A. Tilton for board of John Waterhouse,	104 00
" John M. Staples for board of Mary Libby,	65 00
" Wm. Hanscom for board of Deborah Dyer,	38 68
" Ephraim Bragdon and Sally Tripp, on account of Dorcas Dyer,	6 50
" Overseers of the Poor in Arrowsic, for 1852, on act. of Sam'l. Walker and family,	49 42
" Insane Asylum at Augusta, on act. of Ben'j Sterling, deceased February 4, 1853,	121 38
" H. A. Tilton, journey to Arrowsic and Augusta, (cash expenses.)	6 17
" House of Correction in Portland, on act. of Emily Walker,	15 25
" Smith Sweetsir for 3 1-2 cords wood to Louisa Moody,	14 00
" Dexter Libby for 1 1-2 cords hard wood and sawing, for Augusta Lowell,	7 50
" Dexter Libby for 1 1-2 cords pine wood, and sawing, for Augusta Lowell,	4 50
" Eben'r Libby for 16 cwt. hay to Emma Moody & sister, in 1852,	9 30
" " " " 12 " " " " " 1853,	6 00
" " " " 3 cords of wood " " " "	8 25
" Solomon Bragdon for 1 cord of wood " " "	3 00
" " " " " 36 cwt. of hay " " "	17 40
" G. W. Parker for a stove for " " "	8 00
" Wm. Hunnewell for 2 cords of wood for " " "	8 00
" Enos Libby for sawing wood for " " "	1 50
" Bryant Strout for 1 pig for " " "	3 00
" Milton & Chas. Libby, flour and Molasses " " "	1 12
" John Sweetsir for 1-2 ton of hay for " " "	8 50
" Eben'r Libby for 2 cords of wood to Polly Hunnewell	5 50
" Wm. Hunnewell for 1 cord wood " "	4 00
" Abra'm Brickford for 1 pr. shoes for James Libby	1 42
" H. A. Tilton for boarding David Patterson 2 weeks	1 00
" Ansel Libby for boarding and clothing D. Patterson 1 year	5 00
" John Buzzel for medical attendance on D. Patterson	1 42
" Jas. S. Libby for funeral expenses of Lydia Skillin and grave clothes 2,32, coffin 4,50, digging grave 2,00, hearse 50, personal services 1,00	10 32
" H. A. Tilton, S. L. Waterhouse, G. W. Parker and others for apprehension and examination of Sam'l Snow of York, insane,	12 80
" Legal advice of Shepley & Hayes in relation to Pauper,	2 00
" Passage of Sam'l Walker's wife to Gardiner,	2 00
" Overseers of the Poor in Gardiner, on account of Sam'l Walker,	47 20
" Solomon Bragdon, journey to Gardiner, (cash expenses,)	4 48
" Wm. Meserve, for digging grave for Joanna Gustin,	2 00
" Ivory Penny for Coffin, " " "	3 00
Paid John M. Parker for grave clothes for Joanna Gustin,	1 50
" " " " for personal services, 2 days,	2 50
" Timothy Bragdon for shovelling path to burying ground,	75
" Jas. S. Libby for supplies furnished to Statira McKenney, 70 31	78 94
" " " " " " " " " " 8 63	
" John M. Parker for supplies furnished Dorcas Dyer. For flour 125 lbs. 5,50, Molasses, 4 gall. 1,12, Tea, 2 1-2 lbs. 1,08, Candles, 2 lbs. 32, 1-4 Saleratus, 02, one axe handle, 17, one box Pills, 25, 1-4 Tobacco, 06, sundries, 5,82,	14 34
" John M. Parker for supplies for Joanna Gustin,	4 52
" " " " " " for James Libby, first quarter,	6 50
" " " " " " " " 2d quarter, as follows: for Molasses, 6 galls, 1,56; Flour, 49 lbs. 1,50; Tobocco, 1 lb. and Pipe 25; Tea, 2 1-2 lbs. 1,05; Sugar, 2 lbs.	

16 ; Shoes, one pair, 83 ; Powders, 10 ; Crackers, 6 doz. 37 ; Saleratus, 1 lb. 8 ; Print, 6 yards, 60. - - - $6 50

" John M. Parker for supplies furnished said Libby for 3d. and 4th quarter, - - - - - - 13 00

Total of Pauper Expenses 802 16

ROADS & BRIDGES.

Paid Thomas Miliken for lumber for Mitchell Bridge in 1851, $5 00

" Frederic S. Deering for building " " in 1852, 20 00

" Jas. Deering for repairing " " in 1853, 21 00

" Joseph W. Libby 2 days labor on Mitchell Hill & 1 yoke oxen 2 1-2 days - - - - - - - 4 50

" Abra m Milliken 4 1-2 " " " " 4 50

" Wm. Deering 2 1-2 " " " " 2 50

" J. Moses & D. Meserve 5 days labor on " & oxen & cart 2 1-2 days 8 12

" H. A. Tilton 2 days labor on Mitchell Hill & oxen, cart & drag 1 day 3 75

" Gilman Harmon 2 1-2 days labor 2,00 & use of plough 2 days 2,00 4 00

" Silas Libby for re-building Babb Bridge - - - 89 50

" Wm. Seavey for rocks & labor on Blue Point Bridge - 4 50

" John Seavey, Jr. for " " " " " 3 00

" H. A. Tilton for labor " " " 50

" Edward Tompson for labor on Black Point Road 2 days - - 2 00

" H. A. Tilton for labor & materials on Broad Turn Road - 6 50

" John Pike for labor " " " " 2 50

" Sewall Fenderson for labor " " " " 75

" Carter & Andrews for plank for Milliken Causeway Bridge - 3 57

" Hugh S. Milliken for timber 2,06 & labor 5,70 on Milliken Causeway 7 76

" H. A Tilton for labor " " " 50

" Henry Moulton for labor on Joss Hill - - - - 4 00

" Harvey Collins " " " " " 4 00

" Elisha Collins " " " " 1 50

" John Libby for labor and materials on Beach Ridge Road - 7 66

" Nathan'l Fenderson for rocks for watercourse - - - 5 00

" Jona. Boothby for labor on highways - - - - 2 55

" Woodbury Libby " " " 2 00

" Peter Libby for running John Burnham Road - - - 1 50

" Dan'l Bragdon for constructing Chamberlain & Bog Roads - 14 50

" S. L. Blossom for gravel road near his house - - - 3 12

" Tappan Libby for labor on highway 1 day man & oxen - 1 50

Total cost of repairs on highways & bridges - 241 78

Paid costs of suit on road petitioned for by John Watson, Witnesses fees, Sewall Fogg 1 08, Abra'm Plummer 5 82, Sam'l Tompson 4 32, Moses Libby 4 24, Solomon Bragdon 4 16, John Kilborn 2 16, Nath'l Chamberlain 5 08, Dan'l Bragdon 2 50, John Robinson 3 00, Reuben Libby 1 16, Henry Sawyer 2 16, Eben'r Libby as witness 7 48, For entertaining Town's Attorney 0 50 - - - 43 66

Paid Eben'r Libby for notifying Selectmen of Cape Elizabeth - 1 00

" Sewall Milliken for posting & serving notices on Watson road - 7 98

" Clifford & Appleton's bill for legal services - - - 30 00

Paid costs of suit on Saco & Sacarappa Road as follows, C. C. Harmon's bill as Clerk of the Courts - - - - - 4 75

Witness fees, Rob't McLaughlan 3 00, Benj'n Roberts 1 32, John Trickey 1 32, Joshua Roberts 1 32, Seward Merrill 3 72, John M. Parker 4 96 - - - - - - - 15 64

Paid John M. Parker for looking up witnesses one day - -		1 24
" " " " summoning " "		1 24
" G. W. Parker " " "		0 52
" Seward Merrill Justice's fees - - - - - -		0 40
" Wm. Moses for use of his house by County Commissioners -		1 00
" Eastern Argus, Augusta Age & Saco Democrat for advertising -		24 00
" Eastman & Leland's Bill - - - - - -		43 00
" County Commissioners' Bill on John Mitchell Road - -		48 74
" Henry Sawyer as witness - - - - - -		1 08
Total cost of suits on Roads - . - - -		224 25
Paid costs of suits in relation to Clam Beds (in part) Henry A. Tilton 1 38, Jona. Hopkins 1 46, & Thos. Carroll 1 46 as witnesses in R. Libby vs. O. Merrill - - - - - -		4 30
Paid Dan'l Moulton in part of expense of suit Moulton vs. Silas J. Libby		85 00
For witnesses Sewall Milliken 5 80 - - - -		5 80
Paid Sewall Milliken for summoning witnesses in same case - -		12 44
		107 54

ABATEMENTS MADE ON TAX BILLS HAVE BEEN AS FOLLOWS;

Abated to Sewall Milliken, Collector, for 1845 to 1849, as follows:

For 1845.	John Fenard 1,00; John Skillin 1,34; Simon Milliken 4,08; Daniel Skillin 51; Peltiah Came 68; William Fenderson 68; John Knight 51; Samuel Stephenson 34, - - -	9 14
" 1846.	Timothy Bragdon 1,00; Benjamin Libby 1,00; Bradbury Libby 1,00; Tompson Libby 1,00; Charles Meserve 2,02; Jeremiah Meserve 1,00; Solomon Skillin 12; James Skillin 1,00; Peltiah Came 82; David Elder 1,34; Samuel Stephenson 41; Sally Meserve 41; Arthur & Rufus Libby 1,70,	12 82
" 1847.	Seth Bragdon 1,00; Simeon Foye 1,54; William K. Foss 74; Rufus Libby 72; Abigail Libby 1,80; Ivory Libby 1,00; Oliver Meserve 1,00; Reuben Small 1,00; Charles Morris 3,73; John Knight 21; Samuel Miller 21; Peltiah Came 72; John Knight of Westbrook 54; Samuel Stephenson 36, -	14 57
" 1848.	Abigail Libby 1,47; Nathan Libby 1,00; Oliver Meserve 1,00; Joseph Moody 1,63; Dennis Skillin 1,84; John Shute 21; Lafayette Sawyer 1,00; William K. Joss 1,84; Nicholas Hanson 3,40; Peltiah Came 84; John Fenderson 1,26; John Knight (of Westbrook) 63; P. S. & P. R. R. Co. 6,09; Samuel Stephenson 63; James Sweetsir 63; for delinquent highway taxes, Peltiah Came 30; P. S. & P. R. R. Co. 2,21; Edw. Rumery 68; Solomon Stuart 90; Nath'l. Scamman 36,	27 92
" 1849.	Benjamin Andrews 4,56; Alfred Alexander 1,76; Ansel Berry 1,00; Elisha Card 1,00; John Chapman 2,52; George Fuller 1,00; Horace Libby 1,00; Nathan Libby 1,00; Rufus Libby 1,00; Orrin Meserve 38; James M. Moulton 2,52; David Richards 1,76; Charles Richards 2,33; Zenas Skillin 1,00; John Snow 1,00; Charles Winslow 1,00; John Knight (of Westbrook) 57; Samuel Stephenson 1,14, -	26 54
		90 99
Taxes Abated to Individuals for 1851, - - -		2 00

Abated to G. W. Parker, Collector for 1852, as follows:

For Benjamin Andrews 2,85; Joseph Allen 1,00; John Dow 1,00; John Lombard, 2,14; Alvin Moody 1,38; Scott Southgate 1,00; Albert Thornton 1,00; George Walker, 1,00; David Elder 1,14; Jonathan Emery 76; Samuel Stephenson 57; Ephraim Woodman 2,28; David Waterhouse 38; Nancy Deering 76; Jacob Staples 1,00; James Skillin 1,00; Lemuel Coolbroth 1,00; Abner Bickford 1,00; Chester Waterhouse 1,00; Frank Moses 1,00, - - - 23 26

Abated to Individuals for 1852. Wm. Seavey 2,14; John Joss 1,14; Charles O. Libby 1,00; Ai Waterhouse 1,52; James Leavitt 76; William B. S. Staples 38; John Moody 1,71; William B. Larrabee 57; John M. Parker 2,66; Daniel Trickey 3,80; James Small 76; Robert McLaughlin (by vote of the Town,) 17,25, - - 33 69

Taxes Abated for 1853 to Individuals, John Libby 5,00; John Libby, 3d. 4,50; Elbridge G. Libby 25; John Hunewell 1,50; William Plummer 25; William Hunnewell, 2,00; L. T. Oliver 2,75; Hiram Libby 1,50; Frederick Millikin 1,00; John Moses 25; Joshua Libby's heirs 1,32; Derius Libby 1,00; Daniel D. Moulton 1,25; Geo. W. Tebbetts 1,50: John F. Bean 3,75; Rob't Moulton 0,75; Foxwell Deering 3,00; S. L. Waterhouse 1,25; Granville McKenney 2,25; Wm. Moses 3,00; Wm. Jewett 3,50; Eli Libby 0,50; Parker Libby 0,25; Joseph Hasty 1,25; Moses Libby 0,50; Ai Plumer 0,50; Charles Moulton 2,25 - - - - - - 46 82

Also delinquent Highway Taxes of 1852, transferred to Money Tax of 1853, and subsequently abated; John Libby 3d 6,21; Hiram Libby 7,16; Eli Libby 3,50; John Sweetsir 5,50 - - - - 22 37

Also delinquent Highway Taxes of 1852, (as above) abated to G. W. Parker, (against individuals as follows)—Ai Plumer 6,50; Alvin Plumer 4,04; Luther T. Olivers 14,26; Daniel Moulton Jr. 5,10; Betsy Tebbets & Son 5,30; John H. Burnham 4,31; Samuel Libby 11,36; Samuel M. Libby 0,50; George Walker 0,50 - - 51 90

180 04

Also abatements which will yet be made on the Tax Bills of 1853, will probably amount to the sum of - - - - - 150 00

330 04

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Solomon Bragdon—Selectman &c.

For limiting Highway Districts and making Road tax, 5 days,	5 00
For making Valuation, assessing State, County and Town Taxes, 7½ days,	7 50
For session for abatement of taxes & examining Collector's Bills, 5 days,	5 00
For drawing Jurors, and revising jury-box, 2 days,	2 00
For services as Overseer of the Poor, 10 days, - -	10 00
For settlement of Joanna Gustin's estate, 1-2 day, - -	50
For putting Blue Point Bridge under contract, 1 day, -	1 00
For letting out and examining Chamberlain and Bog Road, 2 days,	2 00
For putting Mitchell Bridge under contract, 1-2 day, -	50
For services on Burnham and Tebbett's road, 2 days, -	2 00
For services on Chas. Tebbett's road, 1 day, - - -	1 00
For making warrants and notifications, 6 days, - -	6 00
For drawing Orders and posting Records, 5 days, - -	5 00
For making Militia Enrolment, 1 day, - - -	1 00
For making Lists of Voters, 2 days, - - -	2 00

For journey to Portland on Mitchell road suit, 1 day, -	1 00
For attendance on Town's Committee of settlement, 2 days, -	2 00
	53 50

Paid Henry A. Tilton—Selectman &c.

For limiting Highway Districts and making Road Tax, 7 days, -	7 00
For making Valuation, assessing State, County and Town Taxes, 9 days,	9 00
For session for abatement of taxes, examining Collector's Bills, 5½ days,	5 50
For drawing Jurors and revising jury-box, 2 days, - -	2 00
For services as Overseer of the Poor, 10½ days, (and legal counsel 1,00)	11 50
For settlement of Joanna Gustin's estate, 1 1-2 days, -	1 50
For letting out and examing Chamberlain and Bog Road, 2 days,	2 00
For putting Mitchell Bridge under contract and accepting same, 1 day,	1 00
For services on Burnham & Tebbett's road, 3 days, - -	3 00
For services on Chas. Tebbett's road—(and legal counsel) 1 1-2 days,	2 50
For making Warrants and Notifications, 6 days, - -	6 00
For drawing orders, 2 days, and making Militia enrolment, 2 days,	4 00
For making Lists of Voters, 2 days, - - -	2 00
	57 00

Paid Timothy Hodsdon—Selectman, &c.

For limiting Highway Districts, 1 day, - - -	1 00
For making Valuation, assessing State, County and Town Taxes, 5 days,	5 00
For session for abatement of taxes, 1 day, - -	1 00
For drawing Jurors and revising jury-box, 1 day, - -	1 00
For services as Overseer of the Poor, 7 days, - -	7 00
For examining and accepting Babb Bridge, 1-2 day, - -	50
For services on Burnham & Tebbetts' Road, 1 1-2 days, -	1 50
For making Warrants and Notifications, 1 day - - -	1 00
For making Militia enrolment, 1 day, - - -	1,00
	19 00

Paid Reuben Libby—Town Agent.

For attendance and travel on suit vs. Oliver Merrill, 2 days, -	2 56
For " " " " Saccarappa and Saco Road, 11 1-2 days,	16 06
For " " " " Watson Road 5 1-2 days, -	5 50
For " " " " Mitchell Road, - - -	1 25
	25 37

Paid Jona. Fogg, Jr.—Town Treasurer, - - -	20 00
Paid Grenville McKenney, for his services as Town Clerk, -	5 70

Paid Grenville McKenney, Superintending School Committee.

For examination of Teachers, (twenty-two in number,) -	2 20
For 21 visits made to District Schools, - - -	11 50
For collecting Statistics and making out Report, - -	2 00
	15 70

Paid Eben'r Libby—Superintending School Committee.

For 2 visits to school on Beech Ridge, - - -	2 00

Paid Frederic Deering—Superintending School Committee.

For examining Teachers, (eleven in number,) - -	5 50
For five visits made to District Schools, - - -	3 75
For making out annual returns 1,25; making out Report, 1,50	2 75
	12 00

Paid Geo. W. Parker, collection fees on Taxes of 1853, at 3 per cent.	156 22
Paid Committee on Selectmen's Accounts for 1852, - -	4 50
Paid Committee on Treasurer's Accounts, " " - -	9 00
Total of Town Officers Bills, - - -	379 99

SUNDRIES.

Paid John Waterhouse for wood for Town House from 1849 to 1853 -	3 00
" Sanborn & Carter for 1 Maine Townsman - - - -	1 00
" " " " 2 quires letter paper - - -	50
" " " " 2 Collector's Books - -	1 00
" " " " 2 doz. Surveyor's Books - - -	1 00
" " " " Binding 1 vol. Town Records - -	1 50
" " " " 1 Record Book for Town Clerk - -	2 75
" " " " 2 quires paper - - - -	40
" Solomon Bragdon cash expenses to N. Yarmouth on Representative Election - - - - - - - - -	1 30
" Postage - - - - - - - - -	92
Total Sundries - - - - - - -	13 37

SCHOOLS.

Paid Elizabeth Chapman for teaching in District No. 1 - -	$3 00
" Wm. B. Bangs " " " " " - - -	78 00
" Amanda Leavitt " " " District No. 2 - -	40 00
" Wm. Leavitt " " " " " - - -	60 00
" Abra'm Plummer " board of Teacher " " - -	24 00
" Alvan B. Plummer " wood " " - - -	5 00
" Sewall L. Small for teaching in District No. 3 - -	51 00
" Rosanna Hunnewell for teaching in " " " - - -	30 00
" Jas. S. Libby for wood furnished " " " - -	4 00
" Dan'l Skillen for board of Teacher in District No. 3 - -	14 88
" Mary E. Chase for teaching in District No. 4 - -	30 00
" John Allen " " " " " " - - -	56 25
" Henry A. Tilton for calling School Meeting in District No. 4 -	2 00
" Isaac C. Baker for wood & repairs of school-house " " - -	6 00
" Hester A. Fabyan for teaching in District No. 5 - - -	36 00
" Freedom Moulton " " " " " " - - -	88 69
" John D. Fabyan for wood & repairs of school-house District No. 5	6 21
" Lucy A. Hunnewell for teaching in District No. 6 - -	36 00
" George W. Tibbets " " " " " - - -	107 35
" Richard S. Waterhouse for wood " " - -	5 50
" Martha T. Libby for teaching in District No. 7 - - - -	24 00
" William Moses for boarding Teacher " " - -	12 00
" John Libby for wood " " - - -	3 18
Cash still due - - - - - - - -	89 86
" Olive Sanborn for teaching in District No. 9 - - -	18 00
" Walter F. Haines for " " " " - - -	35 00
" Statira Staple " " " " No. 10 - - -	37 50
" Grenville McKenney " " " " - - -	110 75
" " " for wood " " - -	6 00
" C. B. Cummings for teaching in District No. 11 - -	12 00
" L. D. Hopkinson " " " " " - - -	56 28
" Major Plummer for boarding Teacher " - -	9 00
" Tappan Libby for repairs of school-house " - - -	2 00
" John Sweetsir for wood for " " - -	3 98
" Mary J. Deering for teaching in District No. 12 . . .	22 00
" John F. Bean " " " " " . .	20 67
" Eunice Knight for " " " No. 13 . . .	40 00
" Geo. G. Brooks for " " " " . .	65 46
" Geo. W. Parker for board of Teacher " . . .	25 25
" Lewis P. Knight for wood for " " . .	11 00
" Rosanna Hunnewell for teaching in District No. 14 . .	24 88
" Thomas Libby and family (private school) . . .	7 44
Total School Funds	$1350 13

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of receipts	$5376 38
State Tax	776 52
County "	490 75
Pauper Bills	802 16
Expenses on Roads & Bridges	241 78
Costs of suits on Roads	224 25
" " " Clam Fisheries	107 54
Abatements	421 03
Town Officers	379 99
Schools	1350 13
Sundries	13 37
Total expenses of the town for 1853	4807 52
Balance in favor of the town	568 86

JOHN M. PARKER,
STEPHEN L. WATERHOUSE. } *Commissioners.*

SCARBOROUGH, May 15th, 1854.

The undersigned Committee, chosen by the Town of Scarborough to settle with the Treasurer of said Town, having attended to that duty, make the following Report:

Outstanding Orders against the Town amount to	$9229 87
Interest on the same,	583 79
Due to Jonathan Fogg, Jr., Treasurer,	170 94
Making,	$9954 60
To balance the above amount, there is in the hands of Sewall Milliken, (including collection fees)	1807 87
do do in Silas Libby's hands,	692 63
do do in George W. Parker's	3945 01
To taxes returned to Treasurer,	21 09
A certificate of School House Tax,	40 53
Note of hand against Simon Meserve,	40 82
" " " " Samuel Donnell,	7 70
	6555 65
	3398 95
Amount of Collection fees supposed to be about,	880 00
Leaving a balance against the Town of	$4278 95

JOHN HUNNEWELL,
JOSIAH MITCHELL, } *Town Committee.*
SILAS LIBBY,

Scarboro'. March 30th, 1854.
A true Copy, L. S. W.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE TOWN OF SCARBOROUGH,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1854.

In compliance with the requirements of the Statute, the School Committee ask leave to submit the following "Report of the standing of, and progress made in the several Schools, in the various branches of learning therein taught, and the success which may have attended the mode of instruction and government of their respective Teachers" in this Town.

DISTRICT No. 9.—COLLINS.

Miss Olive F. Sanborn, Teacher. She is a young teacher and her school small; it appeared well conducted when visited, and at the close showed that good improvement had been made, especially in reading.

Winter Term.

This School was under the instruction of Walter Haines, of Saco. The scholars appeared to take a deep interest in their studies, and made good improvement.

DISTRICT No. 4.—BLUE POINT.

Miss Mary E. Chase, Teacher. The deportment of the scholars was satisfactory, a spirit of activity and interest appeared to be manifested at the commencement, which promised well for the future. Although requested, was unable to visit the school at the close, therefore am not able to report the improvement except in writing which was decidedly good.

Winter term not visited.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Miss Knight, Teacher, who has taught in this district for several successive summer terms, and has given, we believe, general satisfaction. The teacher appeared acquainted with the duties of her office, and the general appearance of the school was satisfactory; and we were pleased to observe that the small scholars received a due share of the teacher's attention. We were sorry to learn that many of the scholars were irregular in their attendance.

It is a question whether this want of attendance is occasioned by necessary causes, rather than some lack of interest on the part of parents in keeping their children constantly at school.

Winter Term.

Mr. George H. Brooks, of Buxton, Teacher. The winter school hardly came up to the mark. The teacher appeared wanting in experience for the management of a school. The school was orderly, but it was the order of dulness and

want of interest which the teacher did not possess sufficient energy to awaken. Yet considerable improvement was made in some branches, particularly Geography.

DISTRICT No. 6.—SCOTTOWS HILL.

Miss Lucy Hunnewell, Teacher. This school was characterized by remarkably good discipline, and we deem it our duty to say that for those qualifications which are requisite for a first rate teacher, Miss Hunnewell has no superior who has taught in town the present summer. Under the care of such a teacher the scholars made rapid and thorough progress, thereby maintaining the former high reputation of this school.

Winter Term.

Mr. Washington Tibbetts, Teacher. The school was not in so good a condition as we could have desired. A few of the scholars appeared well, but the greater part appeared inattentive, restless and disinterested. The same impediment that existed in No. 13, also existed here, viz: a want of ability and energy on the part of the teacher, to excite an interest in his pupils. We were not notified at the close, consequently are unable to report the progress of the school.

DISTRICT No. 10.—BROAD TURN.

Summer Term.

Miss Statira Staples, Teacher. The teacher labored unceasingly, and each scholar appeared to love their teacher and school, and the most seemed resolved to do all that could be done to render the school profitable to each, and the labor of those who attended regularly was crowned with success.

Winter Term.

This term was taught by Grenville McKenney. Most of the scholars were punctual, and their attendance regular, and the manner that they attended to their studies, was an indication that they not only appreciated the value of an education, but were determined to employ their privileges to obtain it. The improvement was gratifying to their teacher, and a credit to themselves.

DISTRICT No. 5.—DUNSTON.

Miss Hester Fabyan, Teacher. The school was only visited at the commencement. The scholars appeared interested, and the general appearance of the school was satisfactory.

Winter Term,

Was taught by Mr. Freedom Moulton, an able and experienced teacher. School not visited, owing to the neglect of Agent and Teacher to notify the Committee.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Miss Rosanna Hunnewell, Teacher. We were pleased with the management of this school, and a praiseworthy interest appeared to be manifested by the scholars, which promised well for the future.

Winter Term.

Mr. S. L. Small of Limington, Teacher. The school was not so successful as we had hoped. The scholars needed encouragement from the teacher and from their parents by way of a better house, but as neither gave them credit of what they deserved, they did not make that improvement they otherwise might have done.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Miss Amanda Leavitt, Teacher. The school was in good condition, pupils were well classed and appeared to be interested in their studies, so that the school was very satisfactory.

Winter Term.

Mr. William Leavitt of Buxton, Teacher. Visited near the close, and found it in all respects to be an excellent school. The scholars that attended the summer school had made rapid progress. Should consider him a first rate teacher.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Miss Ellen B. Cummings, Teacher. This was the first school this teacher ever taught, good discipline, pupils well interested in their several studies, and made good progress during the school.

DISTRICT No. 12.—BABB.

Miss Mary J. Deering, Teacher. This school was well conducted, orderly, and made good progress.

Winter Term.

Mr. John F. Bean, Teacher. This school was characterized by the same good order and interest which attended it in the summer, and good proficiency was made.

DISTRICT NO. 7.—BEACH RIDGE.

Miss Martha Libby, Teacher. The school appeared well at both visits, and the general appearance of the school was highly satisfactory; and at the close there was evidence of good improvement.

Winter Term.

Mr. Alfred Wight of Casco, Teacher. In the early part of the term, a difference of opinion occured between the teacher and a part of the district in regard to discipline. The difficulty, instead of any probability of its being overcome, continued to spread so as to impair the usefulness of the school, and cause it to become a very unprofitable one. This being the state of affairs, your Committee deemed it their duty to discontinue the school. In this connection we consider it our duty to say, that in our opinion, no school can attain to any degree of improvement where there is a want of harmony and unanimity in the district; and we would endeavor to impress it upon the parents of every district, and particularly upon Beach Ridge, that the bert interest of their children are most regarded, when in important school matter mere personal feeling is entirely thrown aside.

There are many important considerations which might be presented, touching our common schools, but with a few suggestions, we close. We would urge upon the agents of the several districts the necessity, at the earliest opportunity, of securing the services of able and efficient teachers. *Teachers* who are firm and energetic, who are disposed to assist their pupils, and understand the art of teaching, and will not sacrifice the scholar's good for their own ease. But it may be said that it is the duty of the Committee to inquire into the competency of teachers, but there may be a vast difference between the best qualified and experienced teacher, and one who has barely passed an examination.

We think it our duty to remark here, that no teacher should be allowed to commence a school until the certificate has been granted by the Committee, and produced to the agent, as two schools have not only commenced, but have been kept without any certificate. And in order that the schools may be more fully reported in future, we would have agents carefully observe the statute in regard to notifying the Committee at the commencement and at the close of a school.

The responsibility of Parents in respect to our schools is not fully realized by them. It rests with them to decide whether they will have efficient teachers and good schools, or inefficient teachers and poor schools; whether they will have comfortable and commodious school houses, or houses that are a standing disgrace to them. If there is anything about which Parents *ought and should* be deeply interested, it is the education of their children. It is believed if Parents were aware of how much of their hard earned money was poorly expended by not keeping their children constantly at school, they would feel that something should be done to remedy the evil. We think Parents ought to visit the schools attended by their children in order to become acquainted with the general management of the teachers. Again, it may be said it is the duty of the Committee to attend to this business. True, the Committee are required to visit each school at the commencement and at the close. But this is not enough. Let each Parent devote one day at least in visiting the schools during the sum-

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mer and winter term. It is believed that this would tend to promote order and improvement of the school, and stimulate both teacher and scholar in their works, and awaken a fresh interest in the school.

And let us remember that the prosperity of our country, the stability of our free republican government, and the happiness of the rising generation, depend almost entirely upon our Free School System in educating the mass of people. Let our Free School System be abandoned, and children suffered to grow up in ignorance, and the people of our Country would not be fit to govern themselves; and our excellent government, where the power is vested in the hands of the people, would be at the disposal of an aristocracy or a monarchy. None but an enlightened and virtuous people can long maintain a republican government like our own. Let us therefore as we care for our country and our free institutions, and as we desire the welfare of our children, do all in our power for the improvement of our schools.

All which is respectfully submitted.

SCARBORO', APRIL 24, 1854.

EBENEZER LIBBY,
FREDERIC S. DEERING,
GRENVILLE McKENNEY,
} Superintending School Committee of Scarborough.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	No. of children in each Dis.	Proportion of each District's money.	Average attendance.
1	64	129.04	34
2	63	127.18	30
3	64	119.04	33
4	53	98.58	35
5	65	130.90	26
6	73	139.50	36
7	64	129.04	27
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9	30	55.80	17
10	90	167.40	40
11	46	85.56	22
12	23	42.78	17
13	64	129.04	32
14	13	24.18	10
Thomas Libby and family, - - - -		7.44	

* Discontinued.